



November 2021 Classics Auction

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1978 MGB GT * NO RESERVE *****

Registration - WGY 414S

Chassis No. - GHD5-449501G

M.O.T. - July 2022

Odometer - 96,400

This straight, tidy-looking rubber bumper GT is finished in a summery shade of yellow that's matched to black vinyl interior trim. A clearly cherished example, its underside has been treated and painted, as have the wheelarches. The manual gearbox has the desirable overdrive, while the pristine wheels are equipped with locking nuts and new tyres. Other recently added items include a twin-pipe stainless exhaust system and fresh carpet, while the bonnet features gas struts for improved access. The vendor presently classes the upholstery as 'excellent' and the B Series engine, transmission, bodywork and paintwork as 'good', and is offering the recently serviced MG complete with glass sunroof, alloy rocker cover, MG-logoed mud flaps and a history file full of bills and old MOTs, plus a current one valid until July 25 next year.

Initially, the B was only available in roadster form – the Pininfarina-penned hatchback GT derivative with 2+2 seating not being offered until October 1965. The MKII model of 1967 brought an updated manual gearbox with revised ratios and synchromesh on all gears, as well as the option of a Borg Warner automatic unit. Other changes included a revised rear axle and a switch from dynamos to alternators. In 1969, Rostyle wheels replaced the previous pressed steel version for standard fit. With the MKIII derivative of 1972 came a new facia and improved heater. However, the biggest visual change in the car's history occurred two years later, when steel reinforced plastic bumpers replaced the chrome ones and the ride height was raised by one inch. These changes were demanded by the American market, which had accounted for much of the car's production from day one.

In summary:

- A well-presented example with some desirable features
- Fully serviced and accompanied by a long MOT
- Currently registering a very credible 96,400 miles from new